

CLAIMS

Having thus described the aforementioned invention, I claim:

1. A corner guard providing protection for tiles attached proximal of a corner junction formed by an intersection of side walls, comprising:

an edge guard bent to cover a portion of the intersection of side walls proximally above the corner junction, said edge guard having a base end configured to be releasably attached to each side wall proximal of the tiles covering the corner junction;

a ledge formed integrally with said edge guard base end, said ledge extended a sufficient width outwardly from said base end to provide protective covering of an upper portion of the tiles; and

a tile cover integrally depending downwardly from said ledge, said tile cover being sized and angled to substantially cover the tiles attached proximal of the corner junction;

whereby said tile cover protectively covers the tiles thereby deflecting impacts directed toward the tiles and minimizing damage to the tiles while said edge guard protectively covers the intersection of side walls proximal of the tiles thereby deflecting impacts and minimizing damage to the corner junction and the intersection of side walls proximal of the tiles.

1 2. The corner guard of Claim 1 wherein said edge guard includes two
2 strips having elongated lengths extending from said base end to respective
3 upper ends, said two strips being angled to separately attach along each
4 respective side wall surface proximal of the intersection of side walls.

1 3. The corner guard of Claim 1 wherein said tile cover includes side
2 segments each having a sufficient width and a sufficient angle therebetween
3 for covering the tiles, said sufficient width being between about two inches
4 and about three inches.

1 4. The corner guard of Claim 3 wherein said tile cover side segments
2 further include each side segment having a lengthwise dimension of
3 between about five inches and about six inches.

1 5. The corner guard of Claim 2 wherein said edge guard strips include a
2 sufficient width to cover at least one inch of each side wall surface proximal
3 of the intersection of side walls, each edge guard strip having a length of
4 between about ten inches and about twenty inches extended longitudinally
5 from each respective base end.

1 6. The corner guard of Claim 5 wherein said ledge includes a width
2 forming a set-back depth of between about one quarter inch to about three
3 quarters inch between said longitudinally oriented edge guard strips and
4 said downwardly oriented tile cover.

1 7. A corner guard providing protection for tiles attached proximal of a
2 corner junction formed by an intersection of side walls, comprising:
3 an edge guard bent to cover a portion of the intersection of side walls
4 proximal of the corner junction, said edge guard having a base end
5 configured to be releasably attached to each side wall proximal of the tiles
6 covering the corner junction;

7 a ledge formed integrally with said edge guard base end, said ledge
8 extended a sufficient width outwardly from said base end for protective
9 covering of an upper portion of the tiles; and

10 a tile cover integrally depending downwardly from said ledge, said tile
11 cover being sized and angled to substantially cover tiles attached proximal
12 of the corner junction;

13 whereby said tile cover protectively covers the tiles thereby deflecting
14 impacts directed toward the tiles and minimizing damage to the tiles while
15 said edge guard protectively covers the intersection of side walls proximal of
16 the tiles thereby deflecting impacts and minimizing damage to the wall

17 edges of the intersection of side walls proximal of the corner junction.

1 8. The corner guard of Claim 7 wherein said edge guard includes two
2 strips having elongated lengths extending from said base end to respective
3 upper ends, said two strips being angled to separately attach along each
4 respective side wall surface proximal of the intersection of side walls.

1 9. The corner guard of Claim 7 wherein said tile cover includes side
2 segments each having a sufficient width and a sufficient angle therebetween
3 for covering the tiles, said sufficient width being between about two inches
4 and about three inches.

1 10. The corner guard of Claim 9 wherein said tile cover side segments
2 further include each side segment having a lengthwise dimension of
3 between about five inches and about six inches.

1 11. The corner guard of Claim 8 wherein said edge guard strips include a
2 sufficient width to cover at least one inch of each side wall surface proximal
3 of the intersection of side walls, each edge guard strip having a length of
4 between about ten inches and about twenty inches extended longitudinally
5 from each respective base end.

1 12. The corner guard of Claim 11 wherein said ledge includes a width
2 forming a set-back depth of between about one quarter inch to about three
3 quarters inch between said longitudinally oriented edge guard strips and
4 said downwardly oriented tile cover.

1 13. A corner guard for protecting adjacent tiles attached proximal of a
2 corner junction formed by intersecting side wall surfaces, comprising:

3 a tile cover including first and second laterally oriented segments
4 joined at a corner edge, said tile cover segments being sized and angled
5 relative to each other to substantially cover the adjacent tiles attached
6 proximal of the corner junction, said tile cover having a ledge integrally
7 formed to extend inwardly from an upper surface of said tile cover, whereby
8 said ledge extends over the adjacent tiles when said tile cover is positioned
9 to cover the adjacent tiles, thereby protecting the adjacent tiles from
10 impacts directed against said tile cover; and

11 an edge guard having base ends integrally formed with said ledge to
12 extend a set-back depth upwardly from said tile cover upper surface, said
13 edge guard is bent in width and longitudinally extended from said base ends
14 to cover respective side wall surfaces proximal of the intersection of side
15 walls above the corner junction;

16 whereby said tile cover protectively covers the adjacent tiles thereby
17 deflecting impacts directed toward the tile cover and minimizing damage to
18 the tiles while said edge guard protectively covers the side wall surfaces
19 proximal of the intersection of side walls above the corner junction thereby
20 deflecting impacts and minimizing damage to the intersection of side walls
21 covered by the edge guard.

1 14. The corner guard of Claim 13 wherein said edge guard includes two
2 strips having elongated lengths extending from said base end to respective
3 upper ends, said two strips being angled to separately attach along each
4 respective side wall surface proximal of the intersection of side walls.

1 15. The corner guard of Claim 14 wherein said tile cover includes side
2 segments each having a sufficient width and a sufficient angle therebetween
3 for covering the tiles, said sufficient width being between about two inches
4 and about three inches.

1 16. The corner guard of Claim 15 wherein said tile cover side segments
2 further include each having a lengthwise dimension of between about five
3 inches and about six inches.

1 17. The corner guard of Claim 16 wherein said edge guard strips include
2 a sufficient width to cover at least one inch of each side wall surface
3 proximal of the intersection of side walls, each edge guard strip having a
4 length of between about ten inches and about twenty inches extended
5 longitudinally from each respective base end.

1 18. The corner guard of Claim 17 wherein said ledge includes a width
2 forming a set-back depth of between about one quarter inch to about three
3 quarters inch between said longitudinally oriented edge guard strips and
4 said downwardly oriented tile cover.